



Los Angeles County – Department of Health Services
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN
ANNUAL UPDATE 2013
(Fiscal Year 2012-2013)



TABLE 4: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS - Communications

EMS System: **County of Los Angeles**

Reporting Year: **2013 (Fiscal Year 2012-2013)**

Note: Table 4 is to be answered for each county.

1. Number of primary Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) **85**
2. Number of secondary PSAPs **13**
3. Number of dispatch centers directly dispatching ambulances **33**
4. Number of EMS dispatch agencies utilizing EMS guidelines **21**
5. Number of designated dispatch centers for EMS Aircraft **2**
6. Who is your primary dispatch agency for day-to-day emergencies?
Dispatch agency for day-to-day emergencies is dependent on where the call originated.
7. Who is your primary dispatch agency for a disaster?
Los Angeles County Fire District is the Fire Operational Area Coordinator
8. Do you have an operational area disaster communication system? **Yes X No**
 - a. Radio primary frequency:
For LA County operated facilities it is the 800 MHz trunked – Countywide Integrated Radio System (CWIRS).
For privately operated facilities and providers and non- LA County Agencies it is VMED28 (formerly HEAR) at 155.340 MHz
 - b. Other methods:
Landline, cellphones, Internet ReddiNet, satellite phones and amateur radio (HAM).
 - c. Can all medical response units communicate on the same disaster communications system?
Limited console patching is available via VMED28 using LARTCS **Yes X No**
(Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System)

- d. Do you participate in the Operational Area Satellite Information System? **Yes X** No
- e. Do you have a plan to utilize RACES as a back-up communication system? **Yes X** No
- 1) Within the operational area? **Yes X** No
- 2) Between the operational area and the region and/or state? **Yes X** No